



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is announcing November as Marrow Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, many people continue to die from leukemia and other life-threatening blood diseases because they are unaware that an unrelated bone marrow transplant could be life saving; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NMDP is to facilitate successful transplants of hematopoietic cells from volunteer unrelated donors for patients of all racial and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is a goal of the NMDP to continue to increase the number of African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American/Pacific Islander and Native American volunteer donors through focused recruitment efforts; and

WHEREAS, the registry of donors contains over 4 million volunteers who have agreed to become unrelated marrow donors for people unknown to them, but in need of a transplant;

WHEREAS, the NMDP is working with its affiliated centers have recruited 16,259 unrelated marrow volunteer donors in the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, 55 residents of Idaho have received transplants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2002, to be

BONE MARROW AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho, and I encourage all Idahoans to work with the NMDP on the continued growth of the registry and the number of transplants facilitated.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE